

Slaughter Introduces Resolution Calling for Release of Documents Linked to Domestic Surveillance

Washington, DC - Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee, has submitted a resolution to the House requesting the public release of all government documents related to recently revealed domestic surveillance programs being carried out by government agencies.

The request, directed to President Bush and Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, calls for all relevant documents to be turned over to the House of Representatives within fourteen days of the adoption of her resolution, H. Res 664.

"The very principles of our nation demand that a program of such questionable legality, undertaken by the President alone, must be approved by Congress," Rep. Slaughter said.

"Law-abiding Americans have a right to know if their government is spying on them. The Bush White House has offered Americans a false choice between civil liberties and security,"

she continued.

"As the greatest democracy in the world, we don't have to choose between them. We can, and must, have both."

If adopted and implemented, Rep. Slaughter's resolution will make public information involving all instances where wire tapping or electronic surveillance has now, or has in the past, been employed without a court-approved warrant. In addition, the bill will release all official records containing information pertaining to domestic surveillance programs.

The complete text of Rep. Slaughter's resolution can be found below:

H.RES.644

Requesting the President and directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents... (Introduced in House)

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H. RES. 644

Requesting the President and directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of those officials relating to the authorization of electronic surveillance of citizens of the United States without court approved warrants.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SLAUGHTER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Requesting the President and directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of those officials relating to the authorization of electronic surveillance of citizens of the United States without court approved warrants.

Resolved, That the President is requested and the Attorney General is directed to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution all documents in the possession of the President and the Attorney General relating to the authorization of electronic surveillance of United States persons (as such terms are defined in section 101 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (50 U.S.C. 1801)) conducted without warrants approved by a court of the United States and any instructions for handling such documents, including--

(1) all records setting forth or discussing policies, procedures, or guidelines regarding the authorization by the President or other officials of the Federal Government of electronic surveillance of United States persons without court approved warrants;

(2) all records pertaining to the Constitutional prohibition on unreasonable searches as it relates to the authority to conduct electronic surveillance of United States persons without a court approved warrant;

(3) all records pertaining to the authority to conduct electronic surveillance of United States persons without court approved warrants under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978;

(4) all records relating to the authorization of electronic surveillance of United States persons by an official of the Federal Government other than the President without a court approved warrant;

(5) all records of communication between the President or other officials of the Federal Government and Congress, or a member or committee of Congress, pertaining to the authorization of electronic surveillance of United States persons without court approved warrants;

(6) all records indicating or discussing the number of United States persons for which electronic surveillance was authorized without a court approved warrant;

(7) all records indicating or discussing the number of citizens of the United States for which electronic surveillance was authorized without a court approved warrant;

(8) all records indicating or discussing the budget or cost of carrying out electronic surveillance of United States persons without court approved warrants; and

(9) all records indicating or discussing the number of staff involved in the authorization or execution of electronic surveillance of United States persons without court approved warrants.